



King's Academy Oakwood

**Dare to be Remarkable**



## Head of Primary News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 2 have made a wonderful start to their Special Agent Training (SATs) and are really impressing us with their amazing skills. Please remember that SATs only form a very minimal part of our assessment of your children and the knowledge that our teachers have of them is our most valuable assessment. We couldn't be more proud of your sons and daughters and the maturity they have shown so far.

This week we have said goodbye to our wonderful Mrs Lewis who is moving away from teaching. We wish Mrs Lewis all the best and we will all miss her very much!

At the end of next week, Mrs Dewhirst will be going on maternity leave! We wish Mrs Dewhirst all the best for her impending arrival and we all look forward to meeting the baby when she arrives! Year 1 KAB parents, I will write to you at the start of next week about staffing arrangements for the class but rest assured that we have wonderful cover in place for them.

## Green Canopy Project

On Tuesday, Eva and Rachel represented KAB and KAO wonderfully at the Queen's Green Canopy "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" event. 70 trees have been planted adjacent to the Royal Procession route from Windsor Castle to Ascot Racecourse. We are delighted that KAB and KAO each have a dedicated tree making up the 70 trees planted marking each year of Her Majesty The Queen's reign.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

*J Tate*

Mrs Tate  
Head of Primary



## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 25th May:** Year 3 trip to London Zoo  
**Monday 30th May - 3rd June:** Half Term Break  
**Tuesday 14th June:** Year 3 trip to Pizza Express  
**Tuesday 21st June:** KAO open afternoon 4pm - 5pm (more info to follow)  
**Thursday 23rd June:** KAB open afternoon 4pm - 5pm (more info to follow)  
**Monday 4th July:** KAO Sports Day (more info to follow)  
**Tuesday 5th July:** KAB Sports Day (more info to follow)  
**Wednesday 6th July:** INSET Day

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## Willow

As some of our school community were celebrating Eid last week, our learning in Willow Class was focused around this very special celebration. On Thursday, Isaac's mummy kindly came to visit Willow Class to help us learn more about Eid and the Islam faith. It was such a brilliant afternoon which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The children learnt more about Ramadan and Eid, how Muslims wash and pray using a prayer mat and the type of clothes that they wear. A highlight for many was having a beautiful henna mehndi design created on their hand by Niva's mum. The children were even given a special Eid treat to take home. A huge thank you to Isaac's and Niva's mums for giving up their time and making Eid such a special time for us.

In maths last week, we practised our doubling skills and this week we are focusing on subtraction as well as the concept of odd and even numbers.

This week Willow class has been learning all about the life cycle of a chick and their different body parts. They also made scrambled eggs. Cracking the shell open, separating the white from the yolk and whisking it away before carefully cooking it on a hob was a great experience. Our scrambled eggs were scrumptious too!

We had an incredibly egg-citing day yesterday with the hatching of 5 of our chicks. It was so amazing to watch this and see the amazing determination the chicks show when hatching from their egg! Willow Class had lots to say about this real life experience and showed great enthusiasm as they described in their writing what they had observed. We are so looking forward to getting to know our brood of feathery friends over the next week.

**Word of the week (last week):** religion

**Word of the week:** brood



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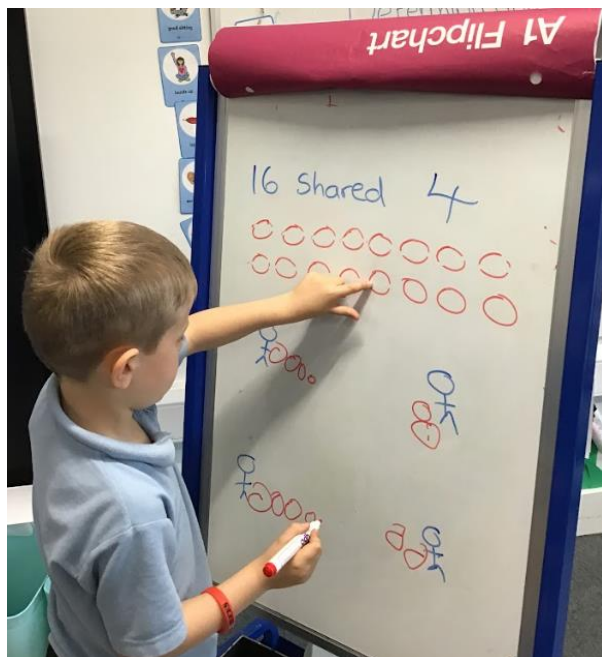
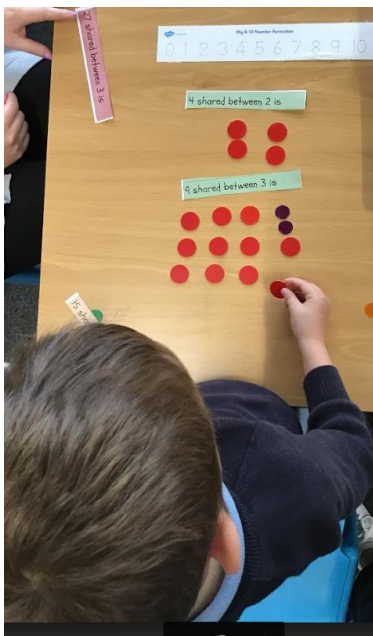
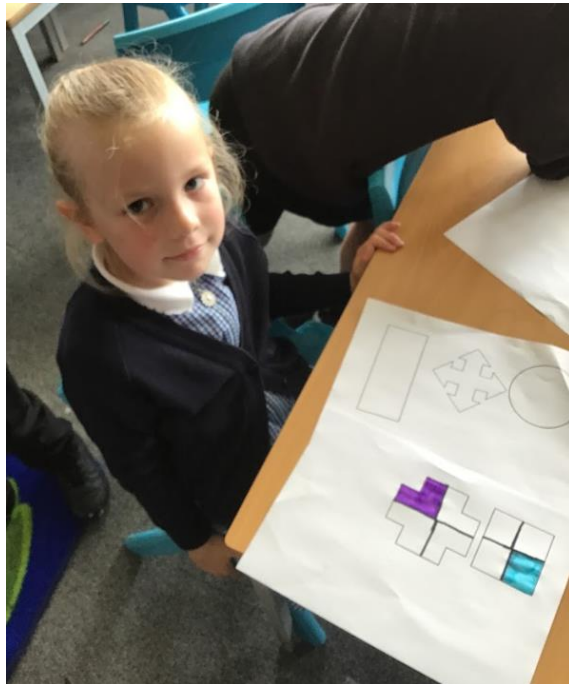
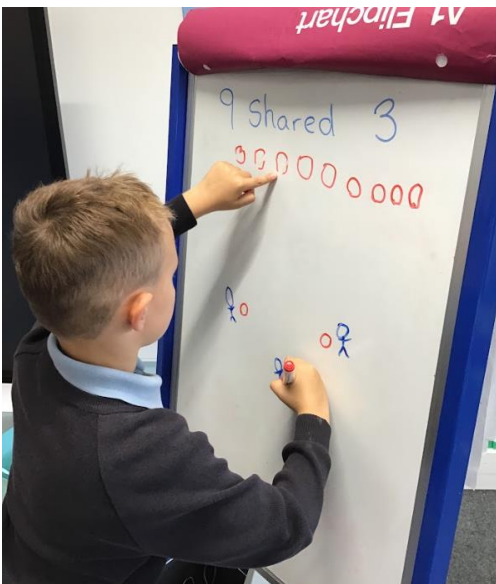


## Ash

In Maths, we have moved on to 'Fractions' and 'Multiplication and Division'! The children have been working hard on sharing and grouping equally using concrete resources. Additionally, they have loved making halves and whole with various shapes. I have been so impressed with Ash class and their English over the past few weeks. We have been working hard on building up our knowledge and writing skills to write a fact file on a significant person. We have researched and created mind maps on each of the school houses and the children have now gone on to choose their favourite to write a fact file. It has been so lovely to see so many of the children challenge themselves in this piece of writing.

In Art, we have been focusing on Van Gogh and his sunflower painting. Last week the children were experimenting with different media on black paper to decide which one they liked best for their final piece - most children liked the oil pastels! This week, we had a go at drawing sunflowers, with our oil pastels, in the style of Van Gogh. I am looking forward to seeing their final pieces towards the end of the half term!

**Word of the week (last week):** Shabby  
**Word of the week:** Fraction



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## Birch

In English we have been writing our own narrative based on the Antlered Ship. The children made their own journey maps as well as designing their own ships to inspire them to write their stories. They have made great progress and will be writing the finishing touches next week.

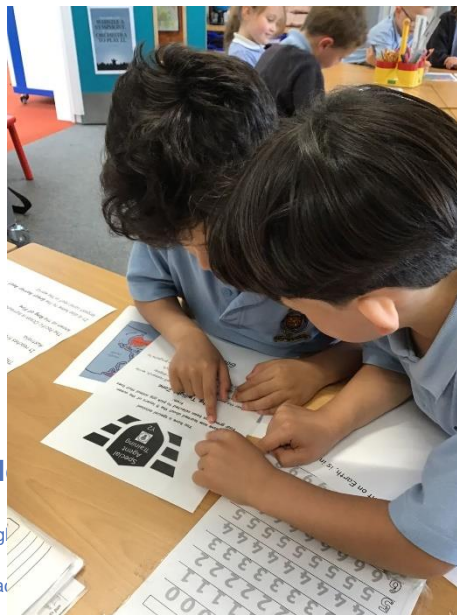
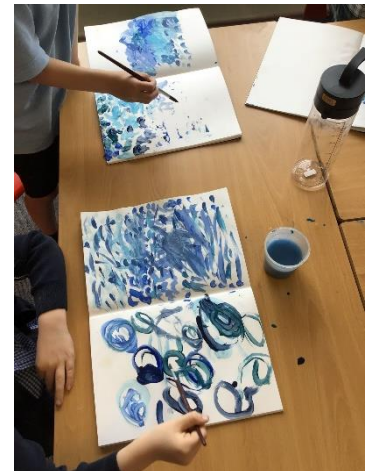
In Maths we have been learning about position and direction and learning the positional language with great accuracy. The children enjoyed giving directions to their partners to send them to different parts of the classroom only using the key vocabulary.

In Art, we have started painting landscapes as a topic and have looked at different artist's works and techniques for painting their favourite landscapes. We have looked at Monet, Van Gogh and Metzinger and painted the sea in their different styles to link with our Geography 'Seas and Oceans' topic. The children have created beautiful artwork showing the different colours and movement of the waves. Next week, children will paint their favourite landscape in the style of one of these artists.

As part of our Special Agent Training the children have started a special project. They are researching and writing information about a sea creature that lives in a particular layer of the sea. Different groups have been given a layer to research and pick a marine creature from to write a leaflet and an information sheet. The children have been so excited to find out about some of the weird and wonderful animals that live in the sea that they never knew existed and I can't wait to hear about all the exciting facts they have found out.

The children have been doing so well with their Special Agent Training and we are so proud!

**Word of the week:** bioluminescent





## Chestnut

In English, we have been continuing our work on mystery stories and the children have been busy writing their own opening and build up this week. They have done a great job of varying their sentence structure and using descriptive language within their writing.

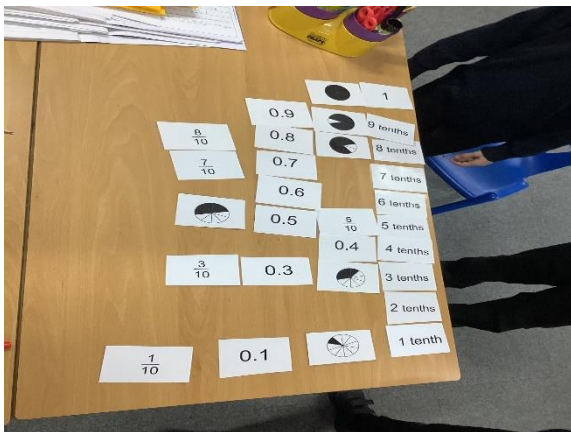
In Maths, we have been continuing our work on fractions and have been converting between tenths as fractions and decimals and counting in tenths on a number line. We have also been finding fractions of amounts; firstly, we found unit fractions of amounts then we went on to finding non unit fractions of amounts.

In Science, we have been continuing our work investigating plants and this week we have been focusing specifically on the way water is transported within a plant. To do this, we added food dye to water and explored how quickly it travelled to the flower if the stem was a different length or if we put the plant in a different environment. We are looking forward to finding the results of our investigation.

In Geography, we have been exploring grid references and the way land is used in our local area. We found that within Binfield and Bracknell, land is used for a variety of reasons including residential, farming, recreation and industrial.

In PE, we have been continuing to enjoy our gymnastics lessons and our cricket sessions. We have been focusing on developing our fielding skills as well as our batting and bowling abilities.

**Word of the week:** audacious



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## Pine

In English, we finished our film clip unit and have started a new unit on persuasion. Over the next few weeks, the children will be doing some collaborative writing to prepare them for filming their own TV adverts.

In maths, we have been learning about money. We have discussed the importance of being able to manage money no matter what profession you eventually choose. We have practised the skills of using rounding to estimate amounts of money, giving change and even running our own shop. Next time you go shopping, see if your year 4 child is able to estimate the total cost.

**Word of the week (last week):** evaluate

**Word of the week:** meticulous



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We have continued to learn about Buddhism and the 8-fold path in RE. This week we looked closely at Right Livelihood and the children ordered jobs according to what they thought would be the best jobs for a Buddhist to do. As always in RE, it is an opinion based on knowledge so the answers can't be wrong. However, the discussions within the groups were thoughtful and mature.



In Science, Pine class has enjoyed putting circuits together with electrical components. They have learnt that a circuit needs to be complete in order to work and have identified why some circuits won't work. We even played Electricity Bingo to learn the scientific symbols for the parts of a circuit diagram!

In Geography, Year 4 have been using their atlas skills to identify different locations in each UK country. We learnt that most of the UK's land is used for agriculture and we learnt what the term 'green urban' means. I wonder if any of the class can tell you?

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## Outside Achievements

Halle from Willow class has taken part in the national British Arts competition over the last six months. They have made it through the quarter final and the semi final and this weekend performed on a London stage and won the Baby classical dance section in the finals against teams from across the country performing a Peter rabbit dance.

They are now 2022 British Arts Champions.

Halle, we honestly could not be more proud of you. Huge congratulations on your incredible achievement.



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